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11.1 PURPOSE

- 11.1.1 To provide the student with invaluable training in the field of forensic identification which can only be gained outside the Division of Forensic Science. The exposure of the student to a variety of federal, state and local law enforcement agency identification personnel will afford the opportunity for an exchange of methods, techniques, and procedures in the forensic identification field.
- 11.1.2 Completion of the one week Basic Classification Course gives the student examiner the opportunity to gain familiarization with fingerprint classification under supervision of well versed instructors proficient in the intricacies of similar, approximating, scarred and other troublesome patterns. This course is a prerequisite to attendance of the Administrative Advanced Latent Fingerprint School.
- 11.1.3 Completion of the one week Advanced Latent Techniques Course allows the student to gain experience with latent print processing techniques and obtain basic comparison skills. Completion of this course is a prerequisite to attendance at the Administrative Advanced Latent Fingerprint School.
- 11.1.4 Completion of the three week FBI Administrative Advanced Latent Fingerprint School at the FBI Academy affords the student examiner an unequaled opportunity to participate in numerous mock court situations, individually video taped and critiqued. Comparison techniques, courtroom presentation of charts and presentations by each attendee on a variety of latent print topics enhance the value of this course.
- 11.1.5 Attendance at an educational workshop of the Chesapeake Bay Division, International Association for Identification exposes the student examiner to presentations on a variety of subjects on the most current techniques of personal identification. In addition, the student examiner is afforded the opportunity to give a presentation to an assembly of Latent Print Examiners on a related topic of the students choosing, which is an indispensable qualification in court.
- 11.1.6 Attendance at an educational workshop of the International Association for Identification affords the student examiner an opportunity to discuss current topics of interest with Latent Print Examiners from throughout the world at many round table seminars. Presentations detailing research on numerous topics of mutual interest are programmed daily. For the student examiner with a suitable research project there is the rare opportunity to make a presentation to an international audience.
- 11.1.7 While membership in any professional association is not required for attendance, it is recommended for the value of continual information available through workshops an seminars as well as professional publications.

11.2 OBJECTIVES

- 11.2.1 The student will attain:
 - Familiarization with a variety of methods, techniques and procedures relative to latent print identification, but foreign to the methods studied and utilized previously by the student. Such information is often attainable only through instruction from other forensic identification training programs due to their specialized nature.
 - Training completion credentials that are traditionally accepted as prerequisite to attendance at advanced, specialized forensic training (Administrative Advanced Latent Fingerprint Course, etc.), and which will complement the Division of Forensic Science Latent Print Examiner Training Program when the student presents his training and experience qualification questioning for testimony as an expert witness.

11.3 **GOAL**

11.3.1 Upon completion of this segment of training the student will have attained knowledge and understanding complementing his studies and experience gained at the Latent Print Section. Areas of specialized training are the

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terminology and methods of fingerprint classification, courtroom demeanor and expert testimony. In the process, the student examiner will also have attained the basic foundation for acceptance in judicial proceedings as an expert witness in latent print identification.

11.4 DISCUSSION

- 11.4.1 Presentations by Latent Print Examiners/Instructors at courses such as the FBI Advanced Latent Techniques Course, Crime Scene Processing courses, FBI Administrative Advanced Latent Fingerprint School as well as local and international training seminars and workshops of the International Association for Identification, Canadian Identification Society or the Fingerprint Society (UK) complements the formal data put forth during the remainder of this course.
- 11.4.2 Each training course listed has been selected for specific unique information not otherwise available and not practical for instruction at the Division of Forensic Science. Completion of the various courses, seminars and workshops is essential to development of the total Latent Print Examiner as the various segments of training which can be learned at the Division of Forensic Science and should not be construed as waivable.

11.5 EXAMINATION

11.5.1 Completion of this segment of training will be accomplished as availability of each individual course, seminar or workshop permits. A copy of the course completion diploma or certificate will be provided the Training Officer at the end of each course and will become part of the student's training file. The aforementioned is in addition to the required after action report.

11.6 REFERENCES FOR TOPIC XI

1.6.1	To be distributed	as deemed	appropriate l	by sponsori	ng agency	or as de	esignated b	by agency pr	ior to	beginning	g of
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